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Mr. Robert Corbin, Natural Gas Regulatory Activities Manager U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil & Gas Global Security and Supply, Office of Fossil Energy Room 3E-042 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Corbin,

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance, a trade association whose 400 members provide goods and services to Alaska's oil, gas and mining industries and more than 30,000 jobs for Alaskans, supports the Kenai, Alaska, LNG plant export license extension requested by ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil. Continued operation of the Kenai plant benefits our membership and contributes to the State of Alaska and the United States by:

- Serving as a cornerstone for industrial activities and natural gas development in the region;
- Supporting 58 jobs directly and an estimated 128 jobs indirectly, as well as generating more than \$70 million per year in wages, taxes, royalties and local spending;
- Supplementing and stabilizing gas supplies for Southcentral Alaska consumers by providing gas to local utilities during periods of peak demand on cold days or when disruptions occur in the gas supply system;
- Driving investment in the exploration and development of natural gas resources in Cook Inlet:
- Enhancing the U.S. balance of trade and promoting growth in the domestic energy sector.

The Kenai LNG plant is vital to Alaska's economy and the companies and individuals that support the facility. Thank you for granting the license extension requested by ConocoPhillips and Marathon.

Sincerely,

Paul Laird

General Manager